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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER'S COMMENT ON EASTERN ARMS FOR TURKEY

1. POPULAR DAILY, HURRIYET, ON MARCH 5 CARRIED "RECORDED" EXCHANGE BETWEEN DEFENSE MINISTER ILHAMI SANCAR AND GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIAN, CARL DAMM, IN WHICH SANCAR STATED THAT PROLONGED U.S. ARMS EMBARGO MIGHT FORCE TURKEY TO TURN TO EASTERN EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS. SOURCE AND DATE OF THIS EXCHANGE WERE NOT REPORTED.

2. AGREEING WITH GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIAN'S WARNING THAT COMMUNIST ARMS MIGHT PERMIT IDEOLOGICAL PENETRATION AND WOULD PROVE INCOMPATIBLE WITH TURKEY'S WESTERN INVENTORY, SANCAR STATED THAT GOT IS NOT RPT NOT NOW CONSIDERING EASTERN ARMS PURCHASES. CONTINUATION OF THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO, HOWEVER, MIGHT FORCE TURKEY TO DO SO IN ORDER TO MEET ITS BASIC DEFENSE NEEDS, SANCAR ADDED.

3. SANCAR PREDICTED THAT THE GOT WOULD EXPERIENCE STRONG POPULAR PRESSURE FROM GROUPS ADVOCATING ACQUISITION OF MODERN SOVIET ARMS SUCH AS ARE NOW POSSESSED BY TURKEY'S SOUTHRN NEIGHBORS, SYRIA AND IRAQ. SANCAR ARGUED THAT MAKARIOUS HAS OBTAINED BOTH WESTERN AND SOVIET MILITARY
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ASSISTANCE AND THAT THIS HAS NOT PREVENTED HIM FROM

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